

Our Children. Our Promise.



DANBURY'S  
Promise for Children  
PARTNERSHIP



**This is Henry.  
He is five years old.  
Is it already too late?**

Much of Henry's future has already been determined.

At his age, more than 80% of his brain has been developed. Neural pathways that will guide his life have been built, and who he will be and what he will do with his life have been formed by his earliest experiences and interactions.

Those experiences can make Henry happy, healthy, and a proud contributing member of the Danbury community.

Or they may leave him damaged and directionless, leading to dropping out of school, future unemployment, or worse.

**It is up to us to  
make the difference.**

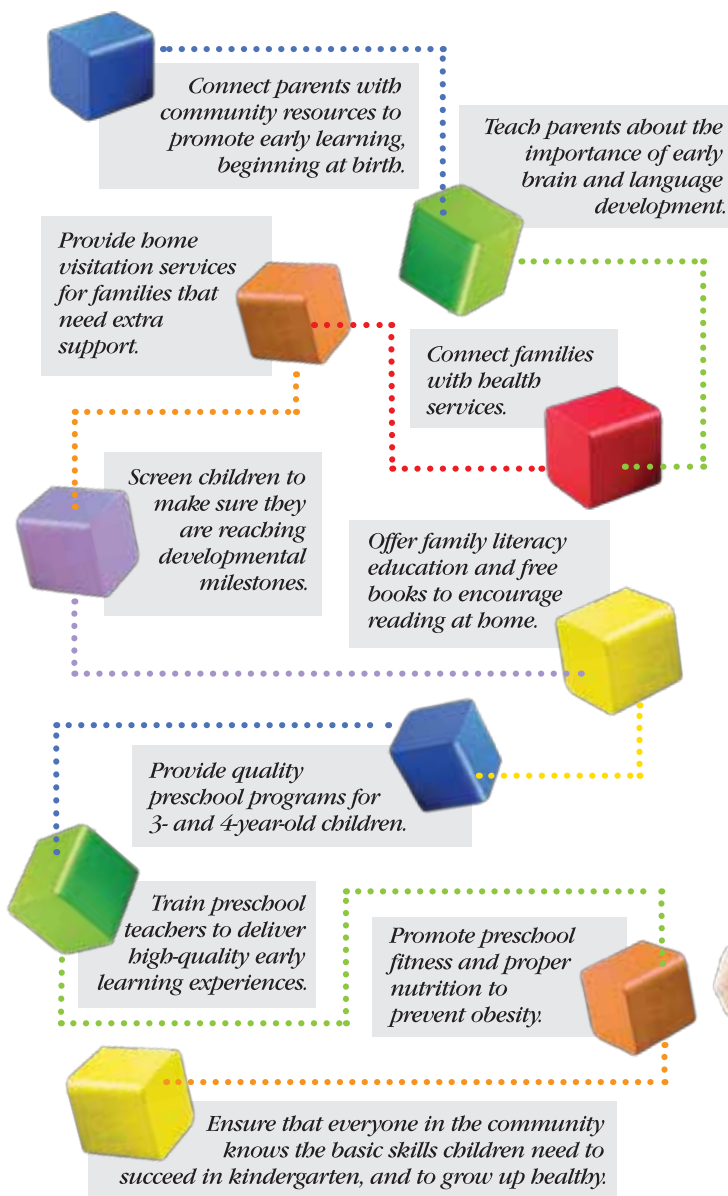
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Danbury's Promise for Children Partnership brings together parents, educators, healthcare providers, family support agencies, businesses, the faith community, and others, to ensure the healthy growth and development of Danbury's young children.

## Our Mission

**All Danbury children aged birth through eight are healthy and ready for school and lifelong learning.**

## What We Do



Please visit our web site at:

[www.danburypromiseforchildren.org](http://www.danburypromiseforchildren.org)

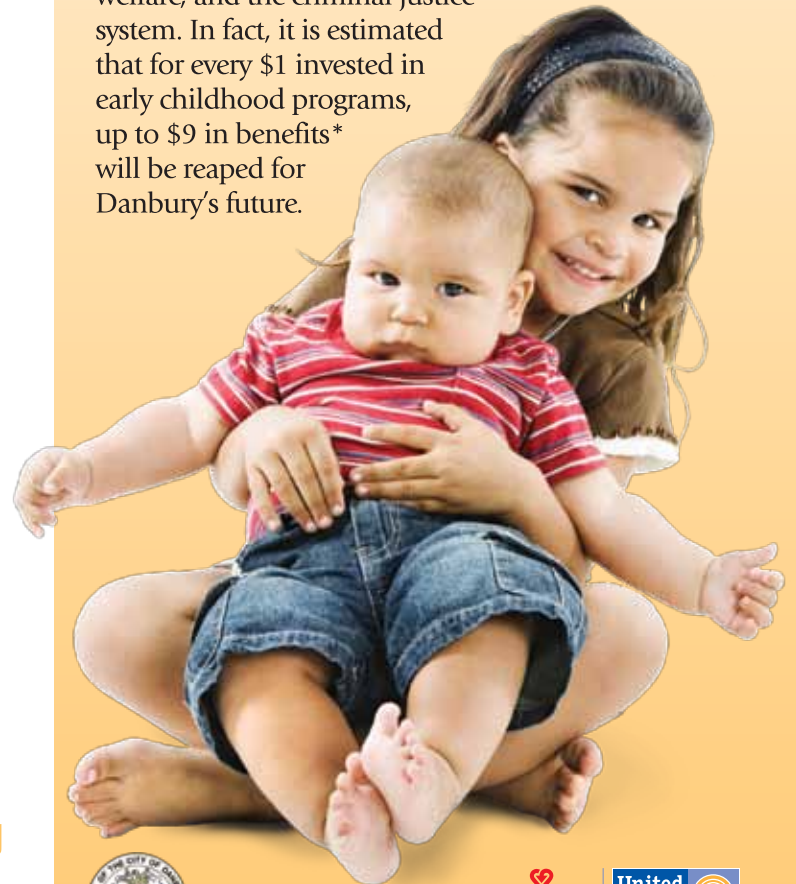
or contact Caroline LaFleur, the Partnership Director at: [caroline.lafleur@uwwesternct.org](mailto:caroline.lafleur@uwwesternct.org) or call her at: **203.616.5073** (office) or **203.300.1486** (cell).



## Investing in the future:

Early learning is the key to unlocking the promise in all of our children. Children who have positive experiences at an early age will become the backbone of Danbury's future workforce and the drivers of its economy.

The benefits of supporting children in the early years are real. Children who are engaged and encouraged from the time they are born are more likely to see increased earnings in their adulthood, and the community realizes measurable savings through reduced costs in special education, welfare, and the criminal justice system. In fact, it is estimated that for every \$1 invested in early childhood programs, up to \$9 in benefits\* will be reaped for Danbury's future.



Office of  
Early Childhood



\*Source: Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University